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In re Application of)	
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Application No.: 09/849,625)	Art Unit 3687
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Confirmation No.: 9504)	
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Filed: May 4, 2001)	Patent Examiner
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Title: Method of Tracking and)	
Dispensing Medical Items)	

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated November 3, 2009 kindly enter
Applicants' "Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance" without prejudice as
follows:

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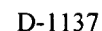
Applicants acknowledge the Office's admission that the pending claims are patentable
over the prior art, and that there is no teaching, suggestion, motivation, or valid reason for one of
ordinary skill in the art to have produced the recited invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that while the specific features and relationships mentioned in the Statement of reasons for allowance are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art, these are not the only recited features and relationships which are not found or suggested in the prior art. Furthermore, the Statement sometimes indicates a general paraphrasing of claim language, and not necessarily the exact claim language. The Statement also refers to subject matter or language which is not recited in the claims. Thus, not all claims require the features, relationships, or language indicated in the Statement. It should be understood that the claims are to only be limited by that subject matter which is positively recited. Any remarks in the Statement which attempt to narrow the recited subject matter should be disregarded. Also, Applicants respectfully do not agree with all of the features attributed to the mentioned King and NPL (Shames) documents.

Respectfully submitted,



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Request to Amend Drawings

Applicants request to amend the drawings currently pending in the Application by substituting the nineteen (19) replacement (formal) drawing sheets enclosed herewith, containing Figures 97-115, for the drawing sheets currently pending.

These replacement drawing sheets are identical to the pending drawing sheets in all respects except for shading, line quality, margins, and paper size. No new matter will be added as a result of this substitution. Permission to amend the drawings by substitution is requested.

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